

FY 2022 CONGRESSIONAL HEARING FACT SHEET
DICAMBA

BACKGROUND:

- In 2016, EPA first registered dicamba products for use on soybeans and cotton that are genetically engineered to tolerate dicamba. USDA had deregulated dicamba-tolerant (DT) cotton and soybean seed in 2015. These product registrations were renewed in 2018 and again in 2020 with additional use restrictions.

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- Potential causes for off-field movement were: (1) poor adherence to the label; (2) physical drift; (3) tank contamination; (4) temperature inversions; and (5) volatility.
- In June 2020, the Ninth Circuit vacated several EPA registrations for dicamba products on the grounds that the decision failed to evaluate the risks of this OTT use.
- In response, EPA worked with a broad group of parties to strengthen the data and pesticide label application directions for the 2021 season to address the deficiencies. New data was received from academia, state partners, and manufacturers.

KEY POINTS:

- In October 2020, EPA announced the registration of dicamba for use on dicamba-tolerant cotton and soybeans of two pesticide products, and the extension of one existing registration. These three registrations are time-limited and set to expire in 2025.

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